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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission (Acting) John Hoover, reasons 1.
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¶1. (C) On February 12, the Ambassador sent a letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Moses Wetangula urging the government of Kenya to recognize Kosovo as soon as possible after it declares independence. The mission followed up with a formal diplomatic note.

¶2. (C) Given the nature of the current political crisis in Kenya, we are unable to assess whether Kosovo will have Kenya's public support immediately following a declaration of independence. We will continue to raise this as an urgent matter with Minister Wetangula and others as appropriate opportunities arise.

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